

Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 BANGKO 26646 240455Z

21

ACTION EA-09

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 CU-02 CIAE-00 DODE-00 INR-07 NSAE-00

PA-01 USIA-06 PRS-01 SP-02 /029 W

----- 016441

R 230738Z DEC 75

FM AMEMBASSY BANGKOK

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 5942

INFO AMEMBASSY JAKARTA

AMEMBASSY KUALA LUMPUR

AMEMBASSY MANILA

AMEMBASSY SINGAPORE

AMEMBASSY TOKYO

C O N F I D E N T I A L BANGKOK 26646

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ASEAN, PFOR

SUBJECT: ACADEMIC CONFERENCE ON ASEAN

1. THE EAST-WEST SEMINAR OF TOKYO IN CONJUNCTION WITH CHULA-LONGKORN UNIVERSITY IN BANGKOK SPONSORED A SEMINAR, "THE ASEAN: PROBLEMS AND PROSPECTS IN A CHANGING WORLD"., FROM DECEMBER 18-20 WITH THE EXCEPTION OF ABDULLA MAJID, THE PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARY FROM KUALA LUMPUR, AND SHIRO SAITO OF THE EDITORIAL COMPTTEE OF THE NIHON KEIZAI SHIMBUN, ALL DELEGATES AND EISCUSSANTS AT THE SEMINAR WERE ACADEMICS OR BANK ECONOMISTS. AMONG THOSE FROM THE ASEAN MEMBER COUNTRIES WERE: LAU TEIK SOON, DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE, SINGAPORE UNIVERSITY; LIE TEK TJENG, DIRECTOR, LEMBAGA RESEARCH KEBUDAYAAN, JAKARTA; LIN SEE YAN, CHIEF ECONOMIST, BANGK NEGARA MALAYSIA, KUALA LUMPUR; LIM CHONG YAH, FACULTY OF ARTS, SINGAPORE UNIVERSITY; PANG LAY KIM, CENTRE FOR STRATEGIC AND INTERNATIONAL STUDIES, JAKARTA; ESTRELLA SOLIDUM, FACULTY OF POLITICAL SCIENCE, PHILIPPINES UNIVERSITY, QUEZON CITY; SOMSAKDI XUTO, RECTOR, NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF DEVELOPHENT ADMINISTRATION, BANGKOK; PRATEEP SONDYSUVAN AND VIJIT SUPINIT, ASSISTANT DIRECTORS, RESEARCH DEPARTMENT, BANK OF THAGILAND. FROM JAPAN CAME PROFESSOR TURO YANO, CENTER FOR SOUTHEAST ASIAN STUDIES, KYOTO UNIVER-
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 BANGKO 26646 240455Z

SITY. EXCEPT FOR ONE AMERICAN, WILBUR CHAFFEE, DEPARTMENT

OF GOVERNMENT, UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS, AUSTIN, ALL THE DISCUSSANTS WERE THAI ACADEMICS FROM THE OUTSPOKEN IF NOT "RADICAL" RANKS. OBSERVERS FROM THE ASEAN COUNTRIES EM-

BASSIES, THE SOVIET EMBASSY, THE AMERICAN AND JAPANESE EMBASSIES, FROM JAPANESE FOUNDATIONS, AND FROM THE THAI AND JAPANESE MINISTRIES OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS ATTENDED.

2. WHILE THE DISCUSSION WAS WIDE-RANGING AND OPEN, IT WAS MAINLY POLITICAL IN TONE AND CRITICAL OF "THE AT BEST MODEST" PROGRESS MADE BY ASEAN TO DATE. THERE WAS ALSO CRITICISM OF THE MOTIVES OF THE ASEAN COUNTRIES, AND AN ALMOST RIDICULOUS CONCERN FOR HOW THE SUPER POWERS VIEWED ASEAN AND THEIR INTENTIONS TOWARD SOUTHEAST ASIA. THE ACADEMICS FOR THE MOST PART PURSUED THE SAME LINES AS THEIR GOVERNMENTS ON HOW THEY WOULD LIKE TO SEE ASEAN DEVELOP: SINGAPORE URGING A FREE TRADE AREA AND ECONOMIC CONCERNS, JAKARTA SPEAKING ON SECURITY AND POLITICAL MATTERS, MALAYSIA STRESSING NEUTRALIZATION, WHILE EXPLAINING ITS SUPPORT OF INDONESIA'S MOVE IN TIMOR AND, IMPORTANTLY, NOTING IT WAS LIKELY MALAYSIA WOULD HAVE TO DO THE SAME IN BRUNEI. THERE WAS, NOT SURPRISINGLY, LITTLE CONSENSUS EXCEPT IN GENERAL TERMS, AND NO REAL PROGRESS MADE.

3. WE ARE FORWARDING VIA AIRGRAM ALL PAPERS AT THE CONFERENCE AND TWO EMBOFFS' NOTES ON THE DISCUSSANTS' AND OTHER COMMENTS WHICH WERE NOT OFFICIALLY RECORDED BY SEMINAR OFFICIALS.
WHITEHOUSE

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: MEETING DELEGATIONS, SEMINARS, BANKERS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 23 DEC 1975
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: CunninFX
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1975BANGKO26646
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: GS
Errors: N/A
Film Number: D750446-0511
From: BANGKOK
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1975/newtext/t19751217/aaaaaofl.tel
Line Count: 91
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Office: ACTION EA
Original Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: n/a
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: CunninFX
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 16 JUL 2003
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <16 JUL 2003 by ElyME>; APPROVED <17 NOV 2003 by CunninFX>
Review Markings:

Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
06 JUL 2006

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: ACADEMIC CONFERENCE ON ASEAN
TAGS: PFOR, TH, ASEAN
To: STATE
Type: TE
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 06 JUL 2006